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Inquiry: I am considering purchasing a pulmonary screening device of my own to perform screenings for employees of certain trade unions. These businesses want to monitor employees exposed to potentially harmful chemicals during their career. (1) Are there any restrictions for me in doing this? (2) Am I required to have a doctor in attendance? I will need a local business licenses here in San Diego, but want to comply with any State rules that you have. I would appreciate any answers you can provide.

Response: In response to your inquiry regarding the performance of a pulmonary screening, please be advised that this is nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA).

In response to your inquiry regarding a physician requiring to be in attendance during the performance of a pulmonary screening, please be advised that the RCPA requires that licensed respiratory care practitioners (RCP) must practice under the direction of a medical director. The RCPA contains no requirement that a physician be physically present when a duly licensed RCP is engaged in the practice of respiratory care.

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